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NPIC/PEG (9/83)Copy 29**NEW PROBABLE PRODUCTION LINE
SOMERSET WEST MISSILE COMPONENT R&D AND
PRODUCTION FACILITY, SOUTH AFRICA**

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** A NEW PROBABLE SOLID PROPELLANT PRODUCTION LINE, POSSIBLY FOR A NEW MISSILE PROGRAM OR THE EXPANSION OF A CURRENT PROGRAM, IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** THE PROBABLE PRODUCTION LINE CONSTRUCTION AREA HAS BEEN RECENTLY SECURED AND IS SOUTHEAST OF THE HEADQUARTERS AND ENGINEERING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D) AREA IN THE NORTHWEST SECTION OF THE FACILITY. THE NEW FACILITY IS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION AND CONSISTS OF A ROAD NETWORK AND CLEARED/GRADED AREAS FOR AT LEAST EIGHT BUILDINGS. [REDACTED] CLEARING FOR THE NEW PRODUCTION LINE HAD JUST BEGUN. (SWN)

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SOMERSET WEST IS THE ONLY KNOWN SOUTH AFRICAN FACILITY WHERE SOLID-PROPELLANT R&D AND PRODUCTION IS CARRIED OUT. DOUBLE BASE AND POSSIBLY COMPOSITE SOLID PROPELLANTS ARE MANUFACTURED HERE FOR MISSILE PROGRAMS. THE SOUTH AFRICAN MISSILE INVENTORY CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF AAM, SAM, AND ANTI-SHIP SYSTEMS. (SWN)

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 34-04-20S 018-45-30E

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